Dear all

WCC Committee has been keeping the situation regarding Club Rides under constant review, taking into account government guidelines and guidance from British Cycling. We know how much many members enjoy the Club Rides and a cycling club with no cycling is a strange concept!

I am pleased to say that we have decided to reinstate Club Rides from this coming weekend. Other local clubs have reached the same conclusion at roughly the same time.

By way of reminder the official Club Rides are:

* Sunday 9am Road
* Sunday 9.30am MTB
* Tuesday 9.30am Road

All meet in Back Lane Car Park. An additional MTB ride is organized by members most Wednesdays. Contact Richard Marquand (rmarquand@btopenworld.com) if you are interested in joining that ride.

In order to keep everyone safe and to comply with government and British Cycling guidelines we will have to manage Club Rides differently from the past. The Rules for Club Rides and the Risk Assessment have been updated to include Covid-19 provisions. Relevant sections of these are attached, which you must read. It is important that all members participating in Club Rides comply with these provisions. In particular:

* When meeting in Back Lane Car Park, at breaks and during rides social distancing must be maintained at all times.
* Names of riders joining Club Rides must be recorded by a designated group member and emailed to the Club Secretary within 48 hours – wccgensec@aol.co.uk
* If there are more than 6 riders the ride must split into groups of 6 or fewer riders and set off 5 minutes apart, the faster group first.

Routes for the Sunday road group have not been planned yet, but this Sunday we will do the Tewkesbury Garden Centre loop, a little shy of 40 miles. Please bring your own refreshments as we will have one stop about half way round. A small group will be meeting via Zoom next week to plan how the Sunday road rides will operate going forward. If you would like to be part of that discussion please let David Thomas know – wccgensec@aol.co.uk again.

Enjoy your cycling and stay safe!